

SENATE FIRST READERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 372. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Albers of the 56th, Bethel of the 54th, Millar of the 40th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for resolving annexation disputes, so as to provide for notice to the Department of Community Affairs of county objections to annexation; to revise the period for appointing arbitration panels; to revise the qualifications of certain persons eligible to serve on arbitration panels; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SB 373. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to sex discrimination in employment and enact the "Georgia Equal Pay Act" to prohibit differential pay because of the sex of the employee; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 374. By Senators Tippins of the 37th and Hill of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for temporary exemption from certain financial reporting requirements for local school systems participating in a federally authorized pilot program; to provide for related matters; to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 375. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 27th, Parent of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to provide certain requirements and standards for the incorporation of new municipal corporations; to require a financial viability, fiscal impact, and service delivery study; to prohibit the creation of unincorporated islands; to provide for special districts to amortize obligations; to require referendum approval; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SB 376. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Henson of the 41st, Kennedy of the 18th, Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 32nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to enact the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; to allow states to join together to establish an interstate compact to elect the president by national popular vote; to provide for the implementation of such compact; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SB 377. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th and VanNess of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Newton County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 378. By Senator Millar of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relative to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners of said county, approved March 8, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3237), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4304), so as to change the composition of the governing authority; to abolish the office of chief executive officer; to provide for a commission chairperson to be elected at large; to shorten certain terms of office; to provide for elections and new terms of office; to provide for term limits; to provide for a county manager; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum and effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SR 965. By Senator Hill of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mr. Tommy Howard Clark and Mrs. Susie Ann Hall Clark on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 966. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Unterman of the 45th and Miller of the 49th:

A RESOLUTION commemorating the centennial anniversary of the Town of Braselton, Georgia; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 967. By Senators Harbison of the 15th and McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 24, 2016, as Columbus Day at the state capitol and congratulating the Columbus region on its many outstanding accomplishments; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 968. By Senators Black of the 8th, Burke of the 11th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Harper of the 7th and Kirk of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 24, 2016, as Valdosta State University Day at the capitol and commending student leaders at Valdosta State University; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 969. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Jackson of the 24th, Cowsert of the 46th, Jones of the 25th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Mr. Joel A. Katz; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 970. By Senators James of the 35th, Henson of the 41st, Rhett of the 33rd, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Eric Berry for his outstanding athletic and personal accomplishments; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 971. By Senators James of the 35th, Henson of the 41st, Rhett of the 33rd, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Cameron Jerrell "Cam" Newton for his leadership, accomplishment, incredible athletic abilities, and for advancing to the 50th NFL Super Bowl and upon being named the 2015-2016 NFL MVP; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 972.](#) By Senator Tate of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 15, 2016, as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 973.](#) By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Franklin Springs Boy Scout Troop 70 for 50 years of dedicated service and leadership; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 974.](#) By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Surprise Billing Practices Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

[SR 975.](#) By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia's Court Appointed Special Advocates for their hard work and dedication to improving the lives of Georgia's children; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 976.](#) By Senators Jones II of the 22nd and Parent of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Richmond County Neighborhood Alliance and its 20th Annual Scholarship Banquet; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 977.](#) By Senator Martin of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Lamar Lussi; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.